



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A maze of ductwork occupies much of the overhead space in the CVC service level.  
Inset: Sparks fly as a sheet metal worker welds a seam between two pieces of air duct.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 2/14/05 through 2/18/05**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza:**

- Workers continue to fireproof steel structural elements throughout the site.
- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect interior masonry block work, and install finish stone on the lower level.
- Stone and glass contractors continue installation of the smaller skylights near the face of the Capitol and will begin installing the stone anchors around the larger skylight at the south end of the Great Hall.
- Crews continue assembling the formwork for trench drains along the sloping pedestrian paths that lead to the CVC entrance from First Street.
- Stone masons have resumed installation of the granite paving stones on the East Front Plaza.

### **East Front Extension**

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems and utilities in this zone.

### **East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- East Capitol Street, between First and Second Streets, has been closed to vehicular traffic and will remain closed through October 15, 2005. Pedestrian and wheelchair access will be maintained at all times.
- Crews have completed saw-cutting through the asphalt and demolishing the road bed. Excavation /drilling has begun.

### **Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel**

- All structural work for the tunnel is complete. The transition zone between the tunnel and the LOC will be executed later this year under a separate contract.
- Sequence 2 crews have completed installation of security and telecommunications conduit in the tunnel.
- Weather permitting, final grading and landscaping work will continue this week to restore the grounds near the face of the LOC building.

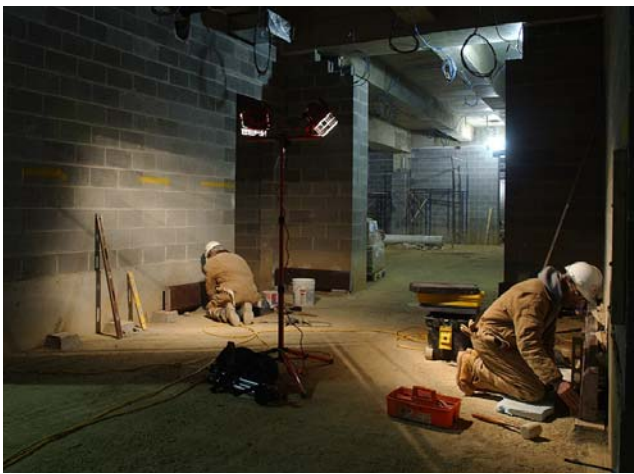


A sprinkler fitter installs a sprinkler system valve.

## **Next Week – 2/21/04 – 2/25/05**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof in the eastern half of the site.
- Crews will continue to fireproof steel elements, install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect block-work, install finish stone, and backfill and grade the zones near the CVC entrances.
- Installation of the smaller skylights near the face of the Capitol will continue.
- Sequence 1 crews will continue demobilizing equipment and trailers from the House and Senate eggs.



Stone masons continue installation of a marble base stone in the lower level of the CVC in a corridor near the cafeteria.

### **East Front Extension**

- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work.

### **East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- Excavation will continue.
- Pedestrian and wheelchair access will be maintained along the south side of the street. Changes may occur this week to the traffic light sequencing at Second Street and Constitution Ave. to minimize delays at that intersection.

### **Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel**

- Landscape restoration work is expected to continue above the easternmost end of the tunnel.
- Utility installation is complete inside the tunnel.



With major structural work complete, most work on the CVC is now occurring below the roof deck. All but two of the Sequence 1 trailers have been removed from the site while Sequence 2 manpower will gradually ramp up to more than 500 workers over the next few months. In the center foreground, bulldozers and back-hoes continue to grade the soil to achieve the gentle slope of the CVC entrance zones.

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